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Drug Overdose Prevention Newscast

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Updates

Beyond Substance Podcast

Beyond Substance is a podcast that seeks to deepen understanding about substance use in Marion County, focusing on the problems and solutions for these issues. Episodes seek to highlight what can be done to foster and support recovery. It's cohosted by Dean Babcock and Jodi Miller.

The first episode, "When Tragedy Sparks Hope," aired in late August 2022 and explores perspectives on substance use and overdose from people who work in the field, as well as what we experience when we are personally affected by substance use. It can be listened to on all major podcast platforms, including Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts and Spotify.

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Creating Healthy Families Panel Hosted by Volunteers of America

Earlier this month, Volunteers of America hosted a moderated panel, "Creating Healthy Families," that highlighted substance use disorder in women. About 70% of women who receive treatment for substance use disorder have children. Moreover, studies have shown that women who receive treatment where they can live with their children have better outcomes. In fact, Volunteers of America's Fresh Start Recovery Centers are family-focused residential addictions treatment programs that allow mothers and children to stay together during treatment.

Fresh Start Recovery Centers can be found in Indianapolis, Winchester, Evansville and Columbus. Volunteers of America has acquired funding to open a new center, but a location has not yet been identified.

Funding Awarded to Indiana Not-for-profits to Support Affordable Housing

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority announced \$950,000 in grant funding will be awarded as part of the [Indiana Housing First Program](#). These organizations provide services such as tenant-based rental assistance and supportive services to individuals with severe mental illness or substance use disorder who are also facing a housing crisis or exiting a residential treatment program. This Housing First approach seeks to quickly connect individuals experiencing a housing crisis to permanent housing without barriers to entry.

The funds were awarded to Housing Opportunities, Helping Veterans and Families of Indiana, LTHC Homeless Services (Formerly Lafayette Transitional Housing Center), and Young Women's Christian Association of Northeast Indiana.

Upcoming Events

Let's Talk about Intimate Partner Violence: Working at the Intersections of Substance Use and Intimate Partner Violence—What Every Provider Needs to Know (Part 3)

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. EDT, Sept. 2
Hosted by: Great Lakes MHTTC

Research has found high rates of both past and current intimate partner violence (IPV) among people in substance use disorder and mental health care settings. This session will clarify the relationship between IPV and substance use, as well as prepare participants to increase awareness of and better support survivors experiencing substance use coercion.

To learn more about this event and register, click [here](#).

Many Paths, One Objective: Recovery

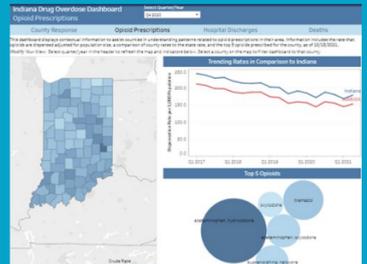
2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. EDT, Sept. 29
Hosted by: Central East PTTC

While there are many intricate paths for individuals to gain long-term recovery, the peer perspective, treatment options, spirituality, and community support are parts of the "village approach" to sustain freedom from substance use. Is this enough? This webinar will examine the scope of peers' roles and how they execute a holistic approach within their communities. We will unpack the barriers peers have while working with marginalized and vulnerable communities and the actions taken to ensure equitable treatment to the clients they serve.

Click [here](#) to register for the event.

Indiana Drug Overdose Dashboard

Please visit the [Indiana Drug Overdose Dashboard](#), where you will find data from 2017 up to provisional data for 2021. In this dashboard, you will find data regarding opioid prescriptions, hospital discharges, and drug-related deaths. You can use this dashboard to explore overdose data at the county and state levels.



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